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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Unclassified Omnibus NSCID

1. The outstanding question raised by Senator McClellan with respect to NSCIDs apparently can be satisfied by an unclassified statement of functions and responsibilities which has been prepared.

2. In the time allotted, we have been unable to do a complete and detailed review of the substantive information contained in your draft but if this goes forward undoubtedly the specific provisions can be looked at again. We do note paragraph 7i. on page 11 which we would recommend be eliminated. *THIS HAS BEEN* [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

3. We believe there are a number of reasons for not going forward with this. The practical purpose of gaining coordination from the various departments and review in the White House would, undoubtedly, be time consuming. Additionally, however, we are concerned about the timing. There are numerous bills introduced on the Hill to modify the Agency charter. Some of these are extreme and could cause serious difficulties for the Administration and the Agency. However, Senator Stennis is actively pursuing amending legislation in a responsible fashion and the Nedzi Subcommittee clearly is going to do likewise. This raises the question that if an unclassified NSCID appears there will, undoubtedly, be raised the question of why the "Agency charter" should not be placed in legislation. Clearly such a result would be undesirable.

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